

Public Law 99-427  
99th Congress

## An Act

Sept. 30, 1986  
[S. 1963]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interests in lands in Socorro County, New Mexico, to the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

Public lands.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. TRANSFER OF LANDS.

Research and  
development.  
Education.

(a) CONVEYANCE.—Subject to valid existing rights and except as provided in section 3, the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized and directed to convey to the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Institute"), Socorro, New Mexico, at fair market value, as determined by the Secretary, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the public lands aggregating approximately 8,501.55 acres in Socorro County, New Mexico, as generally depicted on a map entitled "New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology Land Transfer, Socorro, New Mexico" dated 1985, to be used for research and education.

(b) SURVEY.—The conveyance required by subsection (a) shall occur only after the Institute performs and provides to the Secretary a survey of the archeological resources of the area which identifies the mitigation measures, if any, that the Institute, in coordination with the State of New Mexico Historic Preservation Office, will implement following the conveyance and shall be conditioned on the implementation of such mitigation measures.

## SEC. 2. MAPS AND DESCRIPTION OF LANDS.

Public  
information.

As soon as practicable after enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a map and legal description of the public lands designated in the first section of this Act to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives. Such map and legal description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act, except that any clerical or typographical errors in such map or legal description may be corrected. The Secretary shall place such map and legal description on file, and make them available for public inspection, in the Office of the Director, New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**SEC. 3. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.**

There are reserved to the United States all minerals that may be found in the lands described in the first section: *Provided, however*, That such lands, except for valid existing rights, shall not be available for location and patent under the United States Mining Law, Act of May 10, 1872, 17 Stat. 91, 30 U.S.C. 22, 28, 28b.

Minerals and  
mining.  
Patents and  
trademarks.

Approved September 30, 1986.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 1963 (H.R. 4971):**

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 99-76 accompanying H.R. 4971 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 99-341 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 132 (1986):

Aug. 1, considered and passed Senate.

Aug. 11, considered and passed House, amended, in lieu of H.R. 4971.

Sept. 17, Senate concurred in House amendment.